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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: NIS Production, Agriculture

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1. On 29 September Lois Bacon, NIS Coordinator in Agriculture, invited me to have lunch with the new acting director of the Foreign Regional Analysis Division, Economic Research Service, Quentin West from Utah, who replaced Dr. William Anderson on his retirement to live in the area of Spout Run. Dr. Bacon also mentioned the retirement of Mrs. Geniana Edwards, long-time editor who goes in November with her annuity to work in the World Bank. At lunch they asked me if CIA production of Section 61 on Sino-Soviet area had been discontinued. I said that so much capability had been devoted to the preparation of economic briefs for the General Survey that detailed coverage of economic aspects, Sino-Soviet, had been correspondingly reduced. Mr. West, a rotund and genial Mormon, explained that a number of Sino-Soviet analysts had been pirated by Agriculture to work in the Economic Research Service. They were budgeting additional funds to strengthen this area. Dr. Bacon said that Forestry and Fish & Wildlife Service claimed full capability to do these topics on the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

2. I handed Mr. West the attached production record and suggested I might have some difficulty in adding Sino-Soviet areas to the Agriculture commitment when Agriculture in recent years had not been able to fulfill what they now had. They agreed that I would need an answer for that one and suggested that some of the now scheduled European areas could be deleted and Sino-Soviet Sections 61 substituted. I said I would find out what the intentions of my CIA colleagues might be on production of Agriculture on these areas, and if ORR did not intend to produce, would consider some adjustments in the schedule.

3. In answer to Mr. West's question, Dr. Bacon said Agriculture intended to produce 11 sections this year. This being greeted with some amusement, I told Mr. West that his predecessor, Dr. Anderson, had hoped to mobilize additional support in Agriculture for the NIS effort. West stuck with his promise of 11, a total most unlikely to be fulfilled unless Agriculture, as I pointed out, would not devote extra effort to the NIS as the Bureau of Mines had done the year before last. Nonetheless the Mormon acts as if he were going to do something toward remedying the chronic default in ERS. I suggested that I would like to have him meet Mr. Brammell in due course, and he volunteered to come and see us if we wanted him to.

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